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- This communication is responsive to 01/16/2009.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - Some*
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/Tadesse Hailu/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2173

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert H. Frantz, Reg. No. 42,553, on 01/09/2009.

3. The application has been amended as follows: **In the claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, comprising the steps of: providing a destination-first, source-second element copier configured to allow a user in a first user interface to a first computer resource to designate a destination point or area in said first computer resource, and to subsequently select in a second user interface to a second computer resource two or more information elements in said second computer resource;

performing by a user in a first user interface to a first computer resource a designation of a destination point or area in said first computer resource; subsequently, performing by said user in a second user interface to a second computer resource a selection of two or more information elements in said second computer resource;

subsequent to said user selections step of selection, automatically copying said selected information elements into a transfer buffer, thereby concatenating two or more information elements into said buffer, said transfer buffer comprising a clipboard in memory;

upon attempt to automatically transfer said information items from said buffer, intercepting the transfer to said destination point or area of one or more information elements;

performing a compatibility check for each intercepted information element with the destination computer resource by consulting one or more user-configurable compatibility rules to classify elements as incompatible or compatible;

for each incompatible element, performing a compatibility handling action as defined by one or more conversion rules; and

for each compatible element, allowing transfer of the unmodified compatible element to the destination.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

invoking a rule management user interface responsive to finding no existing compatibility rule for an element to be transferred; and
allowing, via said rule management user interface, a user action selected from a group comprising the list of creating a new compatibility rule, deleting a compatibility rule, and modifying a compatibility rule.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

invoking a rule management user interface responsive to finding no existing conversion rule for an element to be transferred; and
allowing, via said rule management user interface, a user action selected from a group comprising the list of creating a new conversion rule, deleting a conversion rule, and modifying a conversion rule.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 3 wherein said user action of creating and modifying a conversion rule comprises creating and modifying a conversion rule which specifies performing an action selected from [[the]] a group [[of]] comprising converting a text element from one format to another format, converting a graphic image element from one format to another format, converting a video clip element from one format to another format, converting an audio clip element from one format to another format, converting animated image element from one format to another format, isolating an element, isolating an element and transferring an

annotation to said destination, isolating an element and transferring a hyperlinked annotation to said destination.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of performing a compatibility handling action comprises performing an action selected from the a group comprising list of converting a text element from one format to another format, converting a graphic image element from one format to another format, converting a video clip element from one format to another format, converting an audio clip element from one format to another format, converting animated image element from one format to another format, isolating an element, isolating an element and transferring an annotation to said destination, isolating an element and transferring a hyperlinked annotation to said destination.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory comprising medium encoded with software for transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, said software performing the steps of:

a computer readable memory suitable for encoding computer programs; and one or more computer programs encoded by said memory and configured to transfer content from one computer resource to another computer resource by;

providing a destination-first, source-second element copier configured to allow a user in a first user interface to a first computer resource to designate a destination point or area in said first computer resource, and to subsequently select in a second user

interface to a second computer resource two or more information elements in said second computer resource;
performing by a user in a first user interface to a first computer resource a designation of a destination point or area in said first computer resource;
subsequently, performing by said user in a second user interface to a second computer resource a selection of two or more information elements in said second computer resource;
subsequent to said step of selection, automatically copying said selected information elements into a transfer buffer, thereby concatenating two or more information elements into said buffer, said transfer buffer comprising a clipboard in memory;
upon attempt to automatically transfer said information items from said buffer, intercepting the transfer to said destination point or area of one or more information elements selected;
performing a compatibility check for each intercepted information element with the destination computer resource by consulting one or more user-configurable compatibility rules to classify elements as incompatible or compatible;
for each incompatible element, performing a compatibility handling action as defined by one or more conversion rules; and
for each compatible element, allowing transfer of the unmodified compatible element to the destination.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer readable memory medium as set forth in Claim 6 further comprising

computer program configured to software for performing the steps of:

invoke invoking a rule management user interface responsive to finding no existing compatibility rule for an element to be transferred; and

allow allowing, via said rule management user interface, a user action selected from a group comprising the list of creating a new compatibility rule, deleting a compatibility rule, and modifying a compatibility rule.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer readable memory medium as set forth in Claim 6 further comprising computer program configured to software for performing the steps of:

invoke invoking a rule management user interface responsive to finding no existing conversion rule for an element to be transferred; and

allow allowing, via said rule management user interface, a user action selected from a group comprising the list of creating a new conversion rule, deleting a conversion rule, and modifying a conversion rule.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer readable memory medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein the software for creating and modifying a conversion rule comprises software for creating and modifying a conversion rule which specifies performing an action selected from a [[the]] group comprising [[of]] converting a text element from one format to another format, converting a graphic image element from one format to

another format, converting a video clip element from one format to another format, converting an audio clip element from one format to another format, converting animated image element from one format to another format, isolating an element, isolating an element and transferring an annotation to said destination, isolating an element and transferring a hyperlinked annotation to said destination.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer readable memory medium as set forth in Claim 6 wherein said ~~software for~~ performing a compatibility handling action comprises ~~software for~~ performing an action selected from a group comprising the list of converting a text element from one format to another format, converting a graphic image element from one format to another format, converting a video clip element from one format to another format, converting an audio clip element from one format to another format, converting animated image element from one format to another format, isolating an element, isolating an element and transferring an annotation to said destination, isolating an element and transferring a hyperlinked annotation to said destination.

12. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 further comprising:
a rule management user interface, invoked in response to finding no existing compatibility rule for an element to be transferred; and
one or more user options provided via said rule management user

interface, for selecting a compatibility rule management action from a group comprising the list of creating a new compatibility rule, deleting a compatibility rule, and modifying a compatibility rule.

13. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 further comprising:

a rule management user interface, invoked in response to finding no existing conversion rule for an element to be transferred; and
one or more user options provided via said rule management user interface, for selecting a user action from the list of a group comprising creating a new conversion rule, deleting a conversion rule, and modifying a conversion rule.

14. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said user action group [[list]] comprises at least one action selected from a group comprising the list of creating and modifying a conversion rule which specifies performing an action selected from the group of converting a text element from one format to another format, converting a graphic image element from one format to another format, converting a video clip element from one format to another format, converting an audio clip element from one format to another format, converting animated image element from one format to another format, isolating an element, isolating an element and transferring an annotation to said destination, isolating an element and transferring a hyperlinked annotation to said destination.

15. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in Claim 11 wherein said compatibility action handler is further configured to perform an action selected from a group comprising the list of converting a text element from one format to another format, converting a graphic image element from one format to another format, converting a video clip element from one format to another format, converting an audio clip element from one format to another format, converting animated image element from one format to another format, isolating an element, isolating an element and transferring an annotation to said destination, isolating an element and transferring a hyperlinked annotation to said destination.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
6. The current application is directed to a method, a system and a computer readable memory for providing a destination-first, source-second element copier configured to allow a user in a first user interface to a first computer resource to designate a destination point or area in said first computer resource, and to subsequently select in a second user interface to a second computer resource two or more information elements in said second computer resource, wherein the selected computer resources are copied and concatenated into a single transfer buffer; and a

compatibility rules are performed on the copied resources to ensure the copied resources are compatibility with the destination point.

The closest prior art to the current application is Apperley et al. (Apperley, "Breaking the copy/paste cycle: the stretchable selection tool"). Apperley describes a software application for providing a destination-first, source-second element copier. Apperley does not specifically disclose that multiple copied resources are concatenated into a single transfer buffer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

/Tadesse Hailu/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2173